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1. 発明の名称 流動層熱交換器

2. 特許請求の範囲

(1)流動層熱交換器の外形を形成すると共に、そ の一側面側に空気を導入するための間口穴と、そ の他側面側に導入された空気を導出するための開 口穴を有するケースと、

このケース内に配され、被熱交換流体が内部を 流れる複数本のチュープと、

前記ケース内であって、前記チューブの外周囲 に配される複数個の粒子と、

前記ケース内であって、前記ケースの一側面側 から他側面側に向けて延び、前記ケース内におい て、

前記空気の通過方向と垂直方向に並ぶと共に、 上下方向に積層される流動室に区画する仕切板と を備えることを特徴とする流動層熱交換器。

(2)前記ケースの中心側に位置する流動室内には、 前記ケース内壁側に位置する流動室内に比べ多く の粒子が封入されていることを特徴とする請求項 1 記載の流動簡熱交換器。

(3)前記空気流れに対して前記一側面側より上流 側に設けられ、前記空気の案内路を形勢すると共 に、前記各流動室に送られる空気層を均一にする 案内部材を備えることを特徴とする請求項1記載 - の流動層熱交換器。

(4)前記ケースの一部は前記流動層熱交換器に向 け空気を導入するダクトの一部より構成されるこ とを特徴とする請求項1、2又は3記載の流動層 热交换器.

(5)前記ケースの一側面側及び他側面側は複数の 開口穴を有する綱目状部材よりなることを特徴と する請求項1、2、3又は4記載の流動層熱交換 ၾ.

(6) 前記流動室は重力方向に対して、所定の角度 をもって積層されることを特徴とする請求項1、 2, 3, 4 又は5 記載の流動層 熱交換器。

3. 発明の詳細な説明

〔産業上の利用分野〕

本発明は流動層熱交換器に関し、特に自動車用空調装置のエバポレータに用いて有効である。

(従来の技術)

従来より、流動層を用いた熱交換器は粒子が風 圧による浮遊と重力による落下により流動する特 性を利用するものである。 つまり、上下方向の空 気の流れの中で使用するのが一番効率が良い。

従って、ほとんどの流動層熱交換器は下方から 空気を供給し、上方に向けて排出している (特開昭 5 9 - 4 8 8 8 号公報、特開昭 6 0 - 1 1 4 6 9 6 号公報、特開昭 6 2 - 3 3 2 9 0 号公報等)。

車両等においては取付けスペース、位置等の制 約上、空気の流れが上下方向に適さないものが多 く、第8図に示す様に横方向(矢印A)からの空 気を、一旦流動層熱交換器100を週過する際、 上下方向の流れに変え、再び横方向(矢印B)の

れた流動層熱交換器を提供することを目的とする。

(課題を解決するための手段)

本発明は流動層熱交換器を形成するケースの一側面側と他側面側との間を仕切板によって区画し、前記ケース内において、空気の通過方向を垂直方向に並び、上下方向に積層された流動室を形成する。

前記ケースの中心側に位置する流動室には、前記ケース内壁側に位置する流動室に比べ、多くの粒子が封入されている。

また、空気の流れに対してケースの一側面側より上流側に空気の案内路を形成し、各流動室に送られる空気量を均一にする案内部材を備える。

前記ケースの一部は前記流動層熱交換器に向け 空気を導入するグクトの一部より構成される。

さらに前記ケースの一側面及び他側面は複数の 開口穴を有する綱目状部材よりなる。

前記流動室は重力方向に対して、所定の角度を もって積層されている。 流れに変える必要がある。

(発明が解決しようとする課題)

しかしながら、上記の様な構成ではダクト13 内を通過する空気の流れが一方向だけでないこと や、空気がダクトに衝突した後、流動層熱交換器 100を通過するため、空気の通風抵抗が大きく 粒子が浮遊しにくいという問題があった。

また、第9図に示す様に、流動層熱交換器10 0を傾斜させて取付けた場合、粒子102が流動 層熱交換器100の下方に沈滞し、空気が通過し ても流動層熱交換器100の上方では粒子100 がほとんど浮遊しない層が存在する。

つまり、従来の流動層熱交換器では車両等に熱 交換器を傾斜させて取付けて用いる場合、粒子が 均一に浮遊運動せず、十分に熱交換がされないと いう問題があった。

そこで本発明は横方向からの空気の流れに対しても粒子を均一に浮遊運動させることにより無交換効率を縞状させ、また車両等への搭載性のすぐ

(作用)

仕切板によって区画された各流動室に粒子が封 人されているため、一部に粒子が沈滞することが なく、各流動室内で粒子が均一に浮遊運動する。

また、風速の速い流動室には多くの粒子が封入され、風速の比較的遅い流動室にはやや少なめに粒子が封入されているため、さらに各流動室内で粒子が均一に浮遊運動する。

また、空気の流れに対してケースの一側面側より上流側に空気の案内路を形成し、各流動室に送られる空気量を均一にする案内部材を備えているため、各流動室を通過する空気の風速分布が均一になり、各流動室内で粒子が均一に浮遊運動する。

(発明の効果)

以上のことにより、各流動室内で粒子が均一に 浮遊運動するため、流動層熱交換器本体を傾斜さ せて取付けることができ、熱交換効率も向上する。

さらに、取付スペース・位置等の制約のある車 両等においても、十分対応することができ、車両 搭載性にも優れている。

(実施例)

以下、本発明流動層熱交換器の一実施例を図面に基づき説明する。

第4図に示す機に、空気を導入する送風機10 が送風機ケース11内に設けられている。送風機ケース11には外気導入口11a及び内気導入口 11bが設けられ、さらに外気の導入もしくは内 気の循環を切替える内外気切替ダンパ12が回動 可能に設けられている。

送風機ケース11の開口部には通風ダクト13の一端が接続されている。そして、この通風ダクト13内には後述する流動層熱交換器(以下エバボレータと称す)100が設けられている。さらに通風ダクト13内にはヒータコア(省図示)、エアミックスダンバ(省図示)等が設けられ、空気の温度調節を行っている。

そして、通風ダクトの他端は、車室内への空気 の吹出を行う各吹出口に向けて接続されている。

を有する第2飛散防止板104が設けられ、複数のチェーブ101を囲む様に通風ダクト13に接続されている。ここで、第1飛散防止板103が、第2飛散防止板104、通風ダクト13によりケースが構成されている。

さらに、アルミからなる平板状の仕切板105の一端が第1飛散防止板103に他端が図中上段のチェーブ101の下部101bにろう付等により接続され、アルミからなる平板状の仕切板106の一端が第2飛散防止板104に、他端が図中上段のチェーブ101の上部101aにろう付等により接続されている。

これらの仕切板105及び106により第1飛 散防止板103と第2飛散防止板104との間が 区面され、複数の流動室107が形成されている。 この流動室107は夫々が独立した部屋となって おり、各流動室107にはほぼ同一量の粒子10 2が封入されており、粒子102は各独立した流 動室107内でのみ浮遊運動する。よって、エバ ポレータ100の下方部に粒子102が集まり沈 第1図及び第2図に示す様に、通風ダクト13 内にエパポレータ100が設けられている。

このエバボレーク 100 は空気の主流の水平方向の流れ(矢印F) に対し、エバボレータ 100 の取付け、空気の流れ等を考慮して $\theta=20\sim6$ 0 C 程度の傾きで設けられている。

ここで、エパポレータ I 0 0 の構成を以下に示す。

個平形状を有し、内部を冷媒が流れるチェーブ 101が平行に複数列、複数段設けられている。 そして、これらのチェーブ101は通風ダクト1 3を貫通し、通風ダクト外にて各チューブが夫々 接続されている。

このチュープ 1 0 1 間にポリスチレンもしくは A ℓ : O : からなり、直径が 0. 1 ~ 1 mm程度の粒子 1 0 2 を封入する。そして、チュープ 1 0 1 の上流側に設けられ、粒子 1 0 2 の飛做及び落下を防止するアルミ製の網目形状を有する第 1 飛散防止板 1 0 3 とチューブ 1 0 1 の下流側に設けられ、粒子 1 0 2 の飛散を防止するアルミ製の網目形状

浴することはなくなる。

尚、粒子102の層の高さは粒子が活発に流動し、熱交換効率が良好になるようにエバボレーク100を傾斜させた状態で落下防止板104から3m以上とする。また、各仕切板の間隔は粒子が均一に流動するように粒子102の直径の10倍以上難して設ける。

また、第3図に示す様に第1飛散防止板103及び第2飛散防止板104は通風ダクト13の内間に設けられた断面長方形状の固定溝13aに挿入されている。そして、突部13bより図示しないポルト等を嵌め込むことにより、第1飛散防止板103及び第2飛散防止板104を通風ダクト13に接続固定する。

次に、作動について説明する。

送風機10が作動すると、内外気切替ダンパ12の位置により空気を循環もしくは外気を導入し、 内気もしくは外気がエバボレーク100を通過する。

このとき、チュープ101内を冷媒が流れ、粒

子102が各流動室107内で流動する。そして、空気とチューブ101外壁とが熱交換を行う。さらに、粒子102が流動することにより、粒子102がチューブ101外壁に衝突し、粒子102とチューブ101外壁とが熱交換したり、粒子102が空気とチューブ101外壁との温度境界層を破壊することにより、熱交換が促進される。そして、このエバボレータ100を通過して冷却された空気は適度な温度に調節され、車室内に導かれる。

3.5 図に粒子102を有さない単相流エパポレータの場合と、粒子102を有したエパポレータで仕切板無と仕切板有の場合の風速と熱交換量を比較したデータを示す。

仕切板105及び106有の場合、風速が1m/sを増えると熱交換量は減少するが、通常の最適な 風速1m/s 付近では単相流に比べてはもちろんのこと、仕切板105及び106無の場合に比べ、 2~3倍程度の熱交換量を得ることができる。

また、仕切板105及び106を設けることに

より、第1 飛散防止板 1 0 3 及び第2 飛散防止板 1 0 4 のたわみを防止することができる。

次に、他の実施例について説明する。

さらに粒子102を均一に流動化するため、第 6 図に示す様に風速分布(図中矢印Wは空気の相 対的な速度を示す)を考慮し、風速の比較的速い 位置にある中心側の流動室107aの粒子量を風 速の比較的遅い通風ダクト13内壁側の位置にあ る流動室107bの粒子量に比べ、多くする。

よって、風速の違いにより各流動室107内に 封入する粒子畳を変えているため、各流動室10 7内の粒子102はさらに均一に流動する。

つまり、エバボレーク 1 0 0 の 熱交換 効率 は向上し、エバボレーク 1 0 0 内を通過する空気は均一に冷却される。

その他の構成・作動は一実施例と同様である。 また、粒子102の均一な流動化を得るために、 第7図に示す様に、第1飛散防止板103の上流 側にアルミからなる平板状の案内部材である案内 板14を仕切板105の直下に第1飛散防止板1

03を間に介してろう付等により接続する。

この案内板 1 4 は、風速の比較的速い中央付近では各案内板 1 4 の間隔の狭い空気の案内路 B を形成し、風速の比較的遅い通風ダクト 1 3 の近傍では通風ダクト 1 3 と案内板 1 4 の間隔の広い案内路 A を形成する。

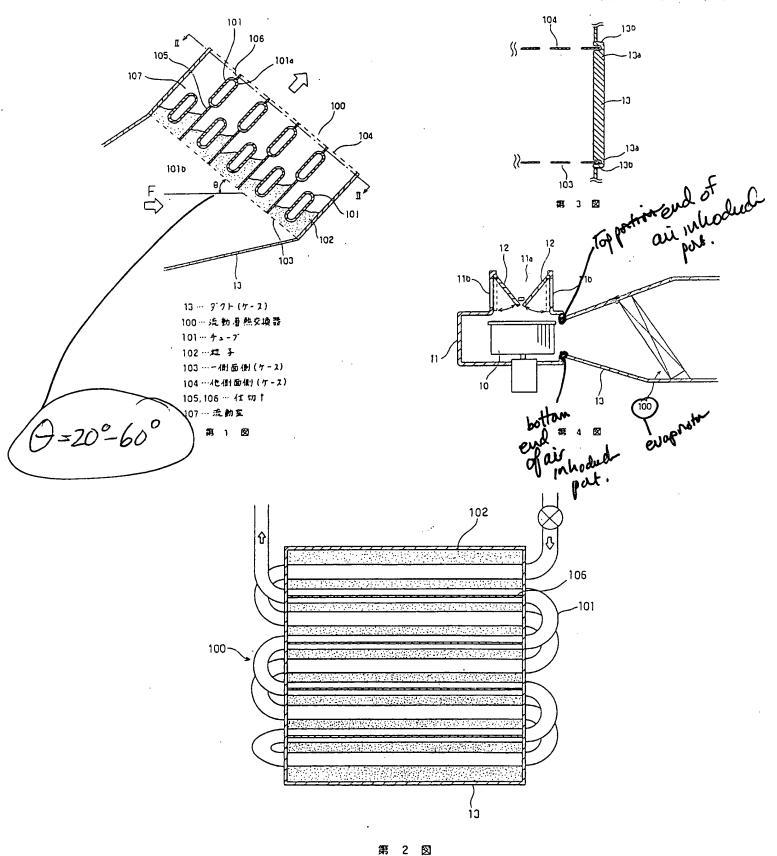
よって、各流動室107に同程度の風量を供給することができるため、各流動室107内で粒子102が均一に流動する。 つまり、エバボレータ100 内を通過する空気は均一に冷却される。

その他の構成・作動は一実施例と同様である。 尚、本発明では流動層熱交換器をエバポレータ に用いたが、ラジェータ、ヒータコア等にも用い ることができる。

4. 図面の簡単な説明

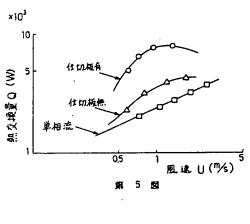
第1図は本発明の一実施例を示す流動層無交換器の断面図、第2図は第1図のⅡ-Ⅱ断面図、第 3図はグクトと第1の部材及び第2の部材との接 統部を示す要部拡大図、第4図は従来の一例を示す流動層熱交換器の流動状態図、第5図は本発明の一実施と従来の一例の風速の熱交換量の関係を示す風速一熱交換量線図、第6図は本発明の他の実施例を示す流動層熱交換器の断面図、第7図は本発明の更に他の実施例を示す流動層熱交換器の一例を用いた自動車用空調装置を示す模式図、第9図は従来の一例を示す流動層熱交換器の流動状態図である。

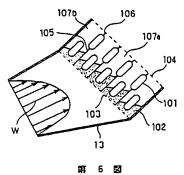
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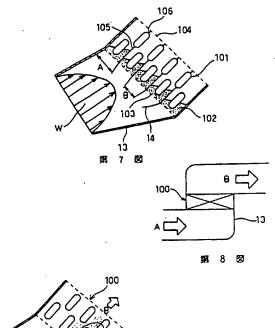


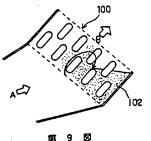
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ABSTRACT:

PURPOSE: To make uniform levitating motion of particles in a fluidized chamber,

improve thermal efficiency and permit the slanted mounting of a main body by

providing partitioning plates, arranged orthogonally to the passing direction

of air and defining the title heat exchanger into the fluidized chambers

laminated in up-and-down direction.

CONSTITUTION: An evaporator 100 is provided in a ventilating duct 13. A space

between dispersion preventing plates 103, 104 is divided by partitioning plates

105, 106 to form a plurality of fluidized chambers 107.

Particles 102 effect

levitating motions in only respective independent fluidized chambers 107.

Accordingly, the particles will never be collected and stagnated below the

evaporator 100. Refrigerant flows into a tube 101 and heat exchange between

air and the outer wall of the tube 101 is effected. A guide plate 104 provides

a narrow guiding passage near the center of a heat exchanger, whereat an air

speed is high, and provides a wide guiding passage at a part whereat the air

speed is low. The particles perform uniform levitating motions

in such a manner whereby the main body of the heat exchanger may be mounted slantedly and heat exchanging efficiency may be improved.

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Claims

1. A fluidized-bed heat exchanger characterized in that it is equipped with a case which forms the outside shape of the fluidized-bed heat exchanger while being provided with an opening on one side to introduce air and an opening on the other side to exhaust the air introduced,

multiple tubes provided in said case in order for a fluidized-body from which heat is exchanged to flow therein,

multiple particles placed at the periphery of the aforementioned tubes within the aforementioned case, and

partitioning plates which extends from one side to the other of the aforementioned case within the aforementioned case

while being arranged perpendicularly to the direction the aforementioned air passes so as to partition vertically layered flow chambers within the aforementioned case.

- 2. The fluidized-bed heat exchanger described under Claim 1 characterized in that more particles are sealed in those flow chambers positioned in the center of the aforementioned case than in those flow chambers positioned on the inner walls of the aforementioned case.
- 3. The fluidized-bed heat exchanger described under Claim 1 characterized in that it is equipped with a guiding member which is provided on the upstream side of one of the aforementioned sides in terms of the aforementioned air flow so as to form a path for guiding a uniform amount of air into the aforementioned respective flow chambers.
- 4. The fluidized-bed heat exchanger described under Claim 1, 2, or 3 characterized in that a part of the aforementioned case is configured with a duct part used to introduce the air to the aforementioned fluidized-bed heat exchanger.
- 5. The fluidized-bed heat exchanger described under Claim 1, 2, 3, or 4 characterized in that the two sides of the aforementioned case are made of net-like members with multiple openings.
- 6. The fluidized-bed heat exchanger described under Claim 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 characterized in that the aforementioned flow chambers are layered at a prescribed angle with respect to the direction of gravity.

Detailed explanation of the invention

Industrial application field

The present invention pertains to a fluidized-bed heat exchanger. It is particularly effective when used for an evaporator of an automobile air conditioning device.

Prior art

Conventional heat exchangers utilizing a fluidized-bed take advantage of the characteristic that particles moved as they are suspended by air pressure and dropped by gravity. That is, they can be utilized most efficiently in an air stream in the vertical direction.

Therefore, in most fluidized-bed heat exchangers, air is supplied from below and exhausted upward (Japanese Kokai Patent Application Nos. Sho 59[1984]-4888, Sho 60[1985]-114696, Sho 62[1987]-33290, and so forth).

In the case of a vehicle, due to restrictions in terms of installation space and position, the vertical air stream is often unsuitable. Thus, as shown in Figure 8, air supplied from a horizontal direction (arrow A) needs to be converted into a vertical air stream before it is put through the fluidized-bed heat exchanger and then back to a air stream in the horizontal direction.

Problems to be solved by the invention

However, because the air flow inside of duct 13 was not in one direction only, and the air passed through fluidized-bed heat exchanger 100 after it collided with the duct, the aforementioned configuration had a problem that the particles had difficulty becoming airborne due to high ventilation resistance of the air.

In addition, as shown in Figure 9, when fluidized-bed heat exchanger 100 was installed tilted, particles 102 stagnate at the bottom of fluidized-bed heat exchanger 100, so that a bed is created where hardly any particles 100 [sic; 102] become airborne at the upper part of fluidized-bed heat exchanger 100 even when the air passes through there.

That is, in the case of the conventional fluidized-bed heat exchanger, when the fluidized-bed heat exchanger is attached tilted to a vehicle, for example, the particles do not become airborne uniformly, resulting in a problem of insufficient heat exchange.

Accordingly, the purpose of the present invention is to present a fluidized-bed heat exchanger by which the particles can become airborne uniformly in response to a horizontal air flow in order to improve the heat exchange efficiency while achieving excellent mountability to a vehicle.

Means to solve the problems

In the present invention, [the space] between the two sides of a case which forms a fluidized-bed heat exchanger is partitioned using partitioning plates, and flow chambers which are layered vertically and arranged perpendicularly to the direction air flows are formed in the aforementioned case.

More particles are sealed in the flow chambers positioned in the center of the aforementioned case than in those flow chambers positioned on the inner walls of the aforementioned case.

In addition, it is equipped with a guiding member which is provided on the upstream side of one of the aforementioned sides of the case in terms of the air flow so as to form a path for guiding a uniform amount of air into the aforementioned respective flow chambers.

A part of the aforementioned case is configured with a duct part used to introduce the air to the aforementioned fluidized-bed heat exchanger.

Furthermore, the two sides of the aforementioned case are made of net-like members with multiple openings.

The aforementioned flow chambers are layered at a prescribed angle with respect to the direction of gravity.

Operation

Because the particles are sealed in the respective flow chambers partitioned by partitioning plates, local stagnation of the particle never takes place, and the particles become airborne and move uniformly within the respective flow chambers.

In addition, because more particles are sealed in those flow chambers with a relatively high air flow velocity, and slightly fewer particles are sealed in those flow chambers with a relatively low air flow velocity, the particles become airborne even more uniformly in the respective flow chambers.

In addition, because the guiding member is provided on the upstream side of one side of the case in terms of the air flow to form an air guiding path to send a uniform amount of air to the respective flow chambers, air flow velocity distribution of the air which passes through the respective flow chambers becomes uniform, so that the particles become airborne uniformly in the respective flow chambers.

Effect of the invention

Because the particles move uniformly in the respective flow chambers while they are suspended in the air in the manner described above, the main body of fluidized-bed heat exchanger can be attached tilted, and the heat exchange efficiency is also improved.

Furthermore, there are no problems with vehicles with restrictions in terms of installation space and position, offering excellent vehicle mountability.

Application examples

An application example of the fluidized-bed heat exchanger of the present invention will be explained below based on figures.

As shown in Figure 4, blower 10 for introducing air is provided in blower case 11. Blower case 11 is provided with outside-air introduction opening 11a and inside-air introduction opening 11b. Furthermore, inside/outside-air switching damper 12 is provided in such a manner that it can be pivoted.

Ventilation duct 13 is connected to an opening part created on one side of blower case 11. Then, fluidized-bed heat exchanger (will be referred to as an evaporator hereinafter) 100 is provided in said ventilation duct 13. Furthermore, a heater core (not illustrated) and an air-mixing damper (not illustrated) are provided in ventilation duct 13 in order to regulate the air temperature.

Then, the other end of the ventilation duct is connected to the vents used to send the air into the interior of the vehicle. As shown in Figures 1 and 2, evaporator 100 is provided inside of ventilation duct 13.

Evaporator 100 is attached at a tilt of $\theta = 20-60^{\circ}$ C [sic; 60°] or so with respect to the direction the main stream of the air flows (arrow F) in the horizontal direction in consideration of the installation of evaporator 100 and the flow of the air.

Configuration of evaporator 100 will be shown below.

Flat tubes 101 for letting a coolant flow therein are provided in multiple parallel rows and in multiple stages. Then, these tubes 101 run through ventilation duct 13, and the respective tubes are connected to each other outside of the ventilation duct.

Particles 102 with a diameter of 0.1-1 mm or so made of polystyrene or Al₂O₃ are sealed between said tubes 101. Then, first aluminum net-like scattering prevention plate 103 placed at the upstream side of tubes 101 so as to prevent particles 102 from scattering and falling and second aluminum net-like scattering prevention plate 104 placed at the downstream side of tubes 101 so as to prevent particles 102 from scattering are provided, and they are connected to ventilation duct 13 in such a manner that they surround tubes 101. Here, the case is configured with first scattering prevention plate 103, second scattering prevention plate 104, and ventilation duct 13.

Furthermore, aluminum flat partition plates 105 are brazed to first scattering prevention plate 103 by one end while being brazed to lower parts 101b of tubes 101 in the upper stage in the figure by the other end, and aluminum flat partition plates 106 are brazed to second scattering prevention plate 104 by one end while being brazed to upper parts 101a of tubes 101 in the upper stage in the figure by the other end.

[The space] between first scattering prevention plate 103 and second scattering prevention plate 104 is partitioned by partition plates 105 and 106 so as to form multiple flow chambers 107. Said flow chambers 107 are formed as independent chambers, almost the same amount of particles 102 are sealed in each flow chamber 107, and particles 102 become airborne and move only inside of each independent flow chamber 107. Thus, particles 102 are never gathered to become stagnant at the bottom part of evaporator 100.

Furthermore, the height of particle 102 layer is 3 mm or more from fall prevention plate 104 when evaporator 100 is tilted in order for the particles to become airborne and move actively so as to achieve good heat exchange efficiency. In addition, the respective partition plates are provided at an interval 10 times as great as or greater than the diameter of particles 102 from one another in order for the particles to flow evenly.

In addition, as shown in Figure 3, first scattering prevention plate 103 and second scattering prevention plate 104 are inserted into fixation grooves 13a with a rectangular cross section provided on the inner periphery of ventilation duct 13. Then, first scattering prevention plate 103 and second scattering prevention plate 104 are connected and fixed to ventilation duct 13 by inserting bolts not illustrated inserted from protrusion parts 13b.

Next, its operation will be explained.

Once blower 10 begins operating, either [the interior] air is circulated, or outside air is introduced, and the interior air or the outside air goes through evaporator 100.

At this time, a coolant flows inside of tubes 101, and particles 102 flow inside of respective flow chambers 107, and the air and the outer walls of tubes 101 exchange heat. Furthermore, particles 102 collide with the outer walls of tubes 101 as particles 102 flow, and particles 102 and the outer walls of tubes 101 exchange heat. The heat exchange is further promoted as particles 102 break the temperature boundary layer between the air and the tubes 101. Then, the air being cooled as it passes through evaporator 100 is regulated to an appropriate temperature and introduced in the interior of the car.

Data on a comparison of the air flow velocities and the amounts of heat exchanged when a single-phase flow evaporator without particles 102, an evaporator with particles 102 but without any partition plates, and one with the partition plates are shown in Figure 5.

When partitioning plates 105 and 106 are involved, while the amount of heat exchanged is reduced once the air flow velocity exceeds 1 m/s, the amount of heat exchanges 2 to 3 times as much can be attained near the normal optimum air flow velocity of 1 m/s in comparison not only with the single phase flow but also with the case involving partition plates 105 and 106.

In addition, when partition plates 105 and 106 are provided, warpage of first scattering prevention plate 103 and second scattering prevention plate 104 can be prevented.

Next, another application example will be explained.

In order to allow particles 102 to flow even more uniformly, as shown in Figure 6, in consideration of air flow velocity distribution (arrow W in the figure indicates the relative velocity of the air), the amount of the particles put in flow chambers 107a provided in the center where the air flow velocity is relatively low is increased over the amount of the particles put in flow chambers 107b provided on the side of the inner wall of ventilation duct 13 where the air flow velocity is relatively low.

Here, because the amount of the particles to be seal in respective flow chambers 107 is changed according to the difference in the air flow velocity, particles 102 in respective flow chambers 107 flow even more evenly.

That is, the heat exchange efficiency of evaporator 100 is improved, and the air which passes through evaporator 100 is cooled uniformly.

Other configurations and the operation are identical to those of the application example.

In addition, in order to achieve uniform flow of particles 102, as shown in Figure 7, guiding plates 14, that is, flat plate-like aluminum guiding members, are connected through brazing just below partition plates 105 on the upstream side of first scattering prevention plates 103 via first scattering prevention plates 103.

Said guiding plates 14 form narrow air guiding path B between respective guiding plates 14 at a position near the center where the air flow velocity is relatively low, and wide air guiding path A between ventilation duct 13 and guiding plate 14 at a position near ventilation duct 13 where the air flow velocity is relatively low.

Thus, almost the same amount of air flow can be supplied to respective flow chambers 107, and particles 102 flow uniformly in respective flow chambers 107. That is, the heat exchange efficiency of evaporator is improved, and the air which passes through evaporator 100 is cooled uniformly.

Other configurations and the operation are identical to those of the application example. Furthermore, although the fluidized-bed heat exchanger was utilized for an evaporator in the present invention, it can be utilized also for a radiator, a heater core, and so forth.

Brief description of the figures

Figure 1 is a cross-sectional view of the fluidized-bed heat exchanger of an application example of the present invention. Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of Figure 1 along the II-II line. Figure 3 is an expanded view showing the part where the first member and the second member are connected. Figure 4 is a diagram showing the flow condition of the fluidized-bed heat exchanger of a conventional example. Figure 5 is a air flow velocity-heat exchange amount linear diagram showing the air flow velocity-heat exchange amount relationship between the application example of the present invention and a conventional example. Figure 6 is a cross-sectional view of the fluidized-bed heat exchanger of another application example of the present invention. Figure 7 is a cross-sectional view of the fluidized-bed heat exchanger of yet another application example of the present invention. Figure 8 is a schematic diagram showing an automobile air conditioning system which utilizes the conventional example. Figure 9 is a diagram showing the flow condition of the fluidized-bed heat exchanger of the conventional example.

13 ... duct; 14 ... guiding member; 100 ... fluidized-bed heat exchanger; 101 ... tube; 102 ... particle; 104 [sic.; 103] ... one side; 104 ... the other side; 105, 106 ... partition plate; and 107 flow chamber.

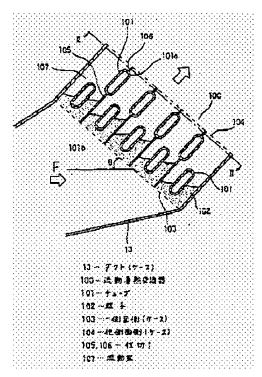


Figure 1

Legend:

- 13 Duct (case)
- 100 Fluidized-bed heat exchanger
- 101 Tube
- 102 Particle
- 103 One side (case)
- 104 The other side
- 105, 106 Partition plate
- 107 Flow chamber

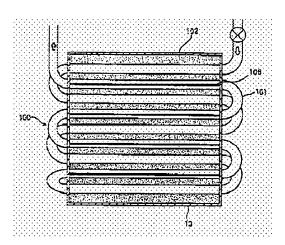


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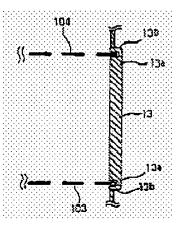


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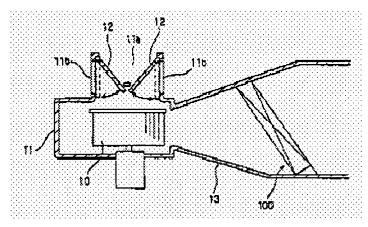


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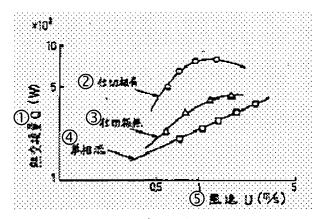


Figure 5

- Amount of heat exchanged Partition plate present Partition plate absent Single-phase flow Key: 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5 Air flow velocity

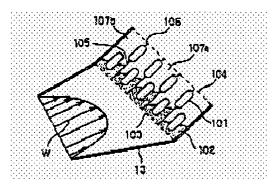


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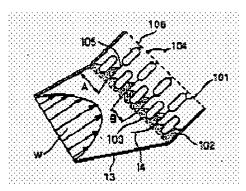


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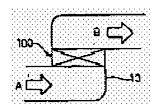


Figure 8

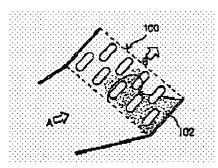


Figure 9